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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Science and Technology
SUBJECT : IDEALIST/TACKLE Mission C259C

1. IDEALIST/TACKLE Mission C259C was successfully flown
on 16 October 1969, with the "H" Camera. System [redacted]

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[redacted] The off shore route was
flown to obtain photo, ELINT [redacted] coverage of Port Arthur
area, the Shantung Peninsula south along the Yellow Sea to a point
approximately 50 miles east of Yen-Cheng.

2. The U-2R aircraft 057 departed [redacted] at
16/0055Z and landed at 16/0635Z for a mission duration of 5+40.

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Pilot was [redacted] This was his second opera-
tional mission for calendar year 1969.

3. The weather along the route was forecast to be Category II
(1/8 to 2/8 cloud cover) with light haze. Weather reported was Category
I (clear) and Category II to a point southwest of Cheju-do Island,
(33°20' N 126° 30' E), Category IV (5/8 to 7/8) for the next 100 miles
then clear to about 33N, directly west of Cheju-do Island. Observed
weather became Category IV on the eastbound leg away from the main-
land to a point approximately 200 miles southwest of Cheju-do Island
and then Category I for the remainder of the route. Weather was better
than briefed.

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4. MIG scramble was reported at 0328Z when the U-2 was southwest of Port Arthur. [redacted] activity was

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25X1D reported by the [redacted] at 034740Z when mission aircraft was abeam the Shantung Peninsula. [redacted]

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activity was observed by pilot, nor was aircraft sighted. A second MIG scramble from Tsang Shien at 0358Z. Highest altitude reported for this

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interceptor was 40000 feet. At 041740Z, pilot observed, and [redacted]

25X1D reported [redacted] activity. This occurred southeast of Ching-Tao

submarine base (36° N 120° E). Evasive action taken to the left and then

25X1D repeated to the right [redacted]

Pilot

felt a "shock wave" at this same time and saw what he described as a

MIG-21 pass from right to left about 500 to 1000 feet below, and as close

25X1D as 500 feet away. Interceptor disappeared to the left.



right arrows. The Aircraft general and all equipment operated normally.

There were no write-ups on mission.

